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Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion



"What he's doing right now is trying to lock the door of Parliament so that the elected people cannot speak."

New Democrat Leader Jack Layton



"The Conservative leader has managed to do something quite extraordinary, which is to attract the criticism of all the leaders in Quebec."

Bloc Leader Gilles Duceppe

House on hiatus

Harper asks rivals for input on economy as GG prorogues Parliament

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper appealed to his political rivals for economic advice to defuse their outrage over the Conservative leader's unprecedented shutdown of Parliament to avoid certain defeat.

After an 80-minute meeting yesterday at Rideau Hall, Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean granted Harper's request to prorogue Parliament, sparing him from a confidence vote on Monday — and defeat for his Conservatives.

The Conservative leader acknowledged the economic demands of his political critics and promised the "first order of business" when Parliament resumes on Jan. 26 would be a budget the following day.

But Harper's invitation to the opposition parties to work together on the economic file did not appease the three party leaders who say they remain ready to replace his government with a Liberal-led coalition at the earliest opportunity.

The NDP and Bloc vowed to defeat the Conservatives, even if it means waiting a few more weeks.

"I cannot have confidence in the prime minister who would throw the locks on the door of this place knowing that he's about to lose a



Prime Minister Stephen Harper announces that Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean approved his recommendation to prorogue Parliament at Rideau Hall in Ottawa yesterday. Harper said he will deliver a budget the day after Parliament resumes, which will be on Jan. 26.

vote in the House of Commons. That's denying about as fundamental a right as one has in a democracy," NDP Leader Jack Layton said on Parliament Hill.

But cracks began to appear in the resolve of the Liberal party.

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion condemned Harper's tactical move to avoid defeat while at the same time,

he appeared willing to compromise if Harper acts on their budget demands.

"This is about replacing Stephen Harper unless he made a monumental change ... the challenge is monumental for him," Dion said.

"Nothing in what Mr. Harper said today will change our mind."

Harper adopted a more

conciliatory tone than in the week since the crisis erupted over his government's economic statement.

Outside Rideau Hall, Harper called on the opposition to "engage with the government," citing Canadians' "frustration" at all political parties for their failure to work together on the economic crisis.

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Do you think the Gov. Gen. should have allowed the prime minister to prorogue Parliament?

Annemarie McCrie

age 32, Edmonton

A: I think taking a break is a good thing because things are moving too quickly. The coalition is just going way too far — they're pushing and pushing.

Dakshin Gunawardana

age 21, Vancouver

A: I think so. We have already had the election. The opposition shouldn't just go in and take it by force.

Jason Contant

age 32, Toronto

A: I think so. It is a precedent setting thing ... because they would have brought a confidence motion ... that would bring down the government.

Randall Smolinski

age 38, Ottawa

A: Absolutely, Canadians voted in September. We made a decision then and we should stick with that and not change anything.

Donna Maxwell

age 52, Dartmouth, N.S.

A: I'm disappointed. What else can you say? I don't like the dictatorial manner that Harper uses.

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Friends shocked by man's arrest

Edson resident charged in murder of 14-year-old girl 'loving, caring man'

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Friends of a churchgoing town employee are shocked that he's been accused of murdering 14-year-old Emily Stauffer.

Ross Edward Kleman, 48, was charged with first-degree murder yesterday in the death of the pastor's daughter, who was murdered in broad daylight as she walked a wooded path

in the small community of Edson on Sept. 29.

"Investigators obtained grounds to believe Mr. Kleman is the person responsible for the death of Emily Stauffer, and consequently, an arrest was made and charges were sworn," said RCMP K division Cpl. Wayne Oakes.

A friend of the accused, Janet McDonald, says Kleman could never be guilty of such a horrific crime, and that he may have been

under police pressure.

"He told us by e-mail that he was being bullied into saying he did it," she said.

"He was so tired of them telling him that he did it, too — he just wanted them to leave him alone."

More than 40 officers



Ross Kleman

have been working on the case in the 69 days since Stauffer's death.

"He didn't do it, but they said he did, and were going to make him admit to it. Yes, they got the wrong guy," McDonald said.

Kleman works for the town of Edson as an equipment operator. Under "interests" on his Facebook profile, he included church and helping people when possible.

In the favourite quotes

section of his profile, he lists: "Walk by faith and not by sight. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God."

He also said: "Some call me lazy and some call me crazy. You tell me what you think and if you can't decide, ask my wife Deama."

"We know him and his family. He is a loving, caring man. He didn't do this," McDonald said.

Kleman will appear in an Edson court on Dec. 16.

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City rallies on both sides of coalition

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Hundreds of protesters on both sides of the coalition government debate chanted and carried signs in two areas of the city yesterday on the same day Stephen Harper was successful in holding on to power.

A crowd of about 200 people against the coalition government was seen screaming and singing Canada's national anthem outside of Edmonton-Strathcona MP Linda Duncan's new office, while hundreds of others who were for the coalition rallied in Churchill Square last night.

"I really feel this is in Canada's best interest," said Naomi Christensen, an organizer behind the anti-coalition rally.

"Most people have been honking when they drive by. I haven't seen much opposition because this coal-



Mary-Ann Pioker participates in an anti-coalition government rally outside the constituency office of Alberta's sole NDP MP, Linda Duncan, in Edmonton yesterday afternoon.

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tion is undemocratic."

Anti-coalition protesters at Duncan's office left the federal politician a large replica pink slip that was signed by each member in the crowd in a rally organ-

ized by the student Conservative associations from Concordia University and the University of Alberta.

The pro-coalition event at Churchill Square attracted hundreds of people who braved the cold and snow to voice their concerns.

"I am here because I care

about the middleman, I care about every Canadian, not just Quebec," said 22-year-old Delreene Kusnyir, a pro-coalition protester.

"This coalition will be good, (the Conservatives) are making the assumptions that it wouldn't be good."

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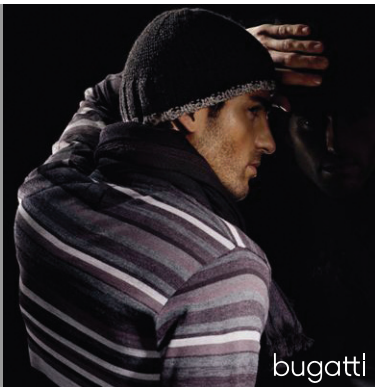
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J Joops, right, and other Shriners clowns were at Rexall Place on Thursday to announce the 61st annual Al Shamal Shrine Circus. The big-top show will run from March 20 to 22 at Rexall with proceeds benefiting the Al Shamal Shriners' local projects and activities.

Shrine Circus in spring

Afraid of clowns? Get over it, because the circus is coming to town.

The 61st annual Shrine Circus isn't until March, but organizers are doing a little clowning around to get ready for the big top.

"You'll never believe what the circus means to children," said Shrine circus vet Ari Hoeksema, who

started travelling with the circus at the age of 12.

This year's four-performance event is expected to draw 50,000 to 60,000 visitors to Rexall Place. Organizers are encouraging gifters to pre-purchase tickets for the show as stocking stuffers to beat the rush.

Shriners hospitals have been saving the lives of

children for 86 years. Operations cost the charitable organization \$3 million every single day.

"We need money to operate the facilities that we have, and at the end of the day, to support transportation for families getting to and from medical treatment."

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Stelmach relieved PM hanging on

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GOVERNMENT Seeing Stephen Harper successfully convincing the Governor General to freeze Parliament yesterday is a relief to Alberta's premier, said Ed Stelmach.

"This is the best thing to do, otherwise we would have been putting this country in the hands of a coalition," said the premier. "I don't know what their plans are going to be and how they were going to treat Alberta. This will give us time to deliver a much better plan."

Harper, however, must choose to be open minded to what premiers across Canada have to say about dealing with the economy during the first ministers meeting Jan. 16, said Stelmach.

The premier said he was in talks with all of the western premiers and territorial leaders in coming up with a list of demands for Harper's planned budget in January.

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Street preacher acquitted of stabbing
A street preacher who admittedly stabbed an 18-year-old man 39 times in 2006 has been acquitted. Eugene (Preacher) Falle was found not guilty yesterday, as jurors felt he killed the victim in self-defence. **METRO EDMONTON**

Officers use Taser to save

INCIDENT A man allegedly on the brink of suicide was saved from taking his own life, after cops zapped him with a Taser on Wednesday afternoon.

Police were called to a home on 114 Avenue and 40 Street, where they found a 50-year-old man holding a pellet gun.

Officers deployed the immobilizing weapon, and were able to retrieve another pellet gun and a knife.

The man was admitted for psychiatric evaluation.

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Pet harmed in home robbery

HOME INVASION A family pet was beaten by burglars who smashed their way into a west-end home early Wednesday morning.

Homeowners returned to the house on 99 Avenue and 161 Street, to find their valuable electronics, including a TV, stereo and computer had been taken, and that their dog had been beaten while chained in the backyard.

An investigation is underway to find the culprits.

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Holiday Hockey lights up ice



Families check out the now-finished Alberta sports-themed ice sculptures on Thursday evening, after the official light-up of the provincial legislature's Christmas lights.

Crime going up in the 'burbs

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Murders and gang activity could be moving to the gateway to the oilsands, and suburban areas are seeing more crime as a result, a Canadian crime expert says.

North-end neighbourhoods turned up three dead bodies in the first three

days of this week.

EPS spokesman Dean Parthenis says homicide detectives don't think any of the murders are connected.

In fact, eight out of the last 10 murders and suspicious deaths in Edmonton have been reported north of the North Saskatchewan River.

"The urban areas are now becoming gentrified and more expensive to live, and so we see a suburbanization

of the street-gang issue," said criminologist and author Michael Chettleburgh. "The old suburbs now become the inner-city. It is cheaper to live in the 'burbs."

Criminals from all over Canada are flocking to Alberta because of the rumoured wealth and lucrative drug-trade opportunities, Chettleburgh said.

"Most of the violence you see is drug ripoffs," he said.

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Don't bash Quebec: Charest

Quebec Liberal Leader Jean Charest is urging Canadians not to let the political power struggle in Ottawa descend into Quebec-bashing. Charest condemned anti-separatist rhetoric aimed at Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe, who has agreed to support a coalition of the Liberals and NDP. Charest reminded Canadians that more than 1.4 million voters supported the Bloc.

SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Harper attacks on Quebec worst since Meech Lake, Duceppe says

BQ Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe reacted angrily to the parliamentary shutdown and accused the government of fuelling the worst rhetoric against Quebecers since the constitutional debates of the early 1990s.

"(Stephen Harper) asked his supporters to engage in the worst attacks against Quebecers since Meech Lake," Duceppe said after learning Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean had granted permission to prorogue Parliament until late January. "He has done this simply to save his own skin."

Conservative MPs have regularly described the opposition pact as a "separatist coalition" and Harper tried to claim that the three opposition leaders refused to be photographed with the Canadian flag behind them. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Coalition to keep up fight

Conservatives, opposition parties have seven weeks to sway Canadians

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The decision to prorogue Parliament didn't bring out the white flags of surrender for the Liberal-NDP coalition united to defeat the Conservatives.

But it changed the strategy of battle.

The fight moves from a now-shuttered Parliament Hill to the airwaves and Internet as Conservative MPs square off against the Liberal and NDP MPs trying to push them from office.

Instead of a quick victory over the Conservatives, the NDP, Liberal and Bloc Québécois MPs now face the prospect of a drawn-out public-relations campaign over the holidays and early winter to win Canadians to their cause.

"I think both the coalition and Mr. Harper are going to be working hard



Liberal leader Stéphane Dion, centre, smiles as New Democratic Party Leader Jack Layton, left, shakes hands with Bloc Québécois leader Gilles Duceppe during earlier this week in Ottawa.

on presenting economic ideas to Canadians over the next six to seven weeks," said Liberal MP Bob Rae.

The creation of the political coalition — and the

threat it presented to the Conservatives — had already sparked a public-relations war by both sides, featuring radio ads, Internet blogging, talk shows and public demonstra-

tions, like the pro-coalition rally on Parliament Hill yesterday.

Thousands jammed the front lawn outside Centre Block, chanting and waving signs that read "Coali-

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tion — Yes!"

Anti-coalition rallies, billed as "Rally for Canada" assemblies are also planned for the weekend. Pro-coalition radio spots, paid for by the Canadian Labour Congress, began airing in certain markets across the country this week.

NDP Leader Jack Layton urged his caucus on Sunday to enlist NDP supporters — "labour councils, childcare groups, environmental groups" — as part of a pro-coalition effort involving petitions, phone-in shows and letter-writing campaigns.

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Grits soldier on despite dissension

STRATEGY Worried about Stéphane Dion's leadership and skeptical of Stephen Harper's new-found spirit of co-operation, the Liberals sought yesterday to chart their next moves in the wake of the temporary suspension of Parliament.

The future of the Liberal-New Democrat coalition that nearly toppled the Conservative minority appeared up in the air after Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean agreed with Harper's request to send

"We must realize the enormity of what happened today."

Stéphane Dion

MPs home until Jan. 26.

Liberals were reeling from Dion's inept performance in his nationally televised response to Harper on Wednesday night and nervous about the storm of anti-coalition reaction the Con-

servatives were able to whip up across the country in only a few days.

But, despite some dissent, the party insisted the majority of the 77-member caucus is standing solidly behind the coalition with the NDP.

"We must realize the enormity of what happened today. For the first time in the history of Canada, the prime minister of Canada is running away from the Parliament," Dion said.

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NDP intent on bringing down Harper's Conservatives

SUPPORT The New Democrats appear to be shutting the door to the possibility of supporting the government no matter what budgetary goodies the prime minister puts on the table next year.

"If their budget does have good elements in it, we'll be glad to incorporate those good elements into the first budget of the coalition," NDP deputy

leader Thomas Mulcair said in an interview yesterday.

Mulcair said the partisan measures in the economic statement showed Harper cannot be trusted and there is absolutely nothing he could do at this point that would stop the NDP from voting to defeat the Conservatives at the earliest opportunity.

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Foreign country conducting espionage in Canada: Report

According to the annual report of the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada — a little-known federal agency that collects financial intelligence — an unnamed foreign government has been orchestrating espionage activities in Canada over the past year. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Thousands rally for coalition

Parliament Hill covered with support for opposition leaders

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TRACEY TONG
Metro Canada

Following the announcement yesterday morning that Parliament would be suspended until late next month, thousands of people turned out to a rally on the steps of the Hill to support members of opposition parties who tried to form a coalition.

Holding signs that read, "Coalition Yes/Make Parliament Work," thousands of people, crowded almost to the street, shouted their support.

"I'm here to support coalition," said Bradley Vis. "This is an affront to Canadian democracy."

"Coalition government will hear citizens' voices and bring it to Parliament," said Alexandra Marangone. "It's sad that (Harper) is stalling Parliament. He's deliberately ignoring our voices."

"I think Harper is trying to escape justice," said Jason Hammond, a Kitchener, Ont. resident who came to Ottawa for the rally yesterday.

The rally also heard from opposition party leaders.

"Today is the first time in the history of Canada that the prime minister is running away from Parliament," said Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion.

"Harper is trying to save his job," said Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe.

Harper "put the lock on the House of Commons, so we cannot vote him out of



At front right, Carleton University students Danielle Taylor, James Craig and Alexandra Marangone shout their support for a coalition government at yesterday's rally on Parliament Hill in the nation's capital.

office," said NDP Leader Jack Layton.

"Everywhere I go, I hear people saying, 'I'm part of the 62 per cent majority.' I want to tell you, I'm part of that 62

per cent majority, too."

Although the coalition got overwhelming support at the rally yesterday, Allan Meltzer doesn't believe this is the case all over Canada.

"I think this issue has really divided the country," he said.

The demonstration here was one of many taking place across the country yesterday and over the next

several days, said event speaker Judy Rebick.

"It was absolutely successful," said organizer Catherine Gilbert of yesterday's rally.

Lone NDP MP bracing for West's rage

POLITICS The only non-Conservative among Alberta's 28 MPs is preparing to do a lot of talking in the next few weeks.

"The sweater vest is off, the flak jacket is on," said Linda Duncan, the NDP member who took Edmonton-Strathcona on Oct. 14. Duncan has received hundreds of emails over the last week or so, many of them negative.

Many in Alberta and the rest of the West have expressed anger over the coalition put together by the Liberals and the NDP, with the backing of the Bloc Québécois. "This isn't about whose goons are the better goons. People are frustrated and we're not trying to win by yelling the loudest. We're trying to have a rational discourse."

Conservative Party of Canada president Don Plett has received non-stop calls over the past few days from Conservatives urging him to tell Harper to do whatever is necessary to stop the coalition.

"As someone from the West, I can say with confidence that people in the West still have confidence in the Prime Minister to hold our country together."

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Stelmach

• While Alberta Premier Stelmach is relieved Parliament was prorogued, he said he hopes Prime Minister Stephen Harper will be listening carefully to what the premiers say about the economy during a first ministers meeting Jan. 16.

Word on the street: Do you think the Governor General should have allowed the prime minister to prorogue Parliament?

Simon Mason

age 20, Edmonton

A: I think it's right, my biggest concern is if the coalition is going to ... become government, how much attention are they going to pay to the western provinces.

Mary Clarke

age 25, Ottawa

A: Yes. Prorogue is the better option because we don't want to enter into an election right now. This gives everybody time to think more about what is going on.

Greg Davidson

age 60, Calgary

A: I am a Conservative supporter, but I think this was Harper's self-infliction and maybe the Governor General should have left him to fend for himself.

Mike Mauger

age 37, Halifax

A: I didn't vote for the Conservative government but I am really not happy with the coalition — signing with the separatists.

Hilary Murfitt

age 31, Vancouver

A: No. This is just an avoidance tactic. They are trying to put everything on hold. If people want change then people want change.

Eric Kinch

age 21, Calgary

A: I think with the economy right now it was very irresponsible of the government and the Governor General to suspend parliament, to be honest.



Quebec reeling from Bloc demonization

POLITICS Baffled by the intensity of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's aggressive condemnations of the Liberal-NDP coalition's deal with the Bloc Québécois, Quebecers are now weighing the consequences of his strategy.

"Maybe the rest of Canada is going to help Quebec separate, and that would be great!" said Nathalie Pausé, a graphic designer in Montreal, and evidently a sovereignist at heart.

But Alain-G. Gagnon, a political scientist at the University of Quebec at

Montreal, said Harper "in the last two days has done more damage to the Canadian national unity cause than all the efforts he's made in the last few years."

Even Liberal Premier Jean Charest, who in the last days of the campaign leading up to Monday's election, came to the Bloc's defence, saying every party elected by the people is "legitimate."

Gagnon estimates that Harper's bluster could lead to a mobilization of sovereignist forces.

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Harper

• Ironically it was Harper who put forward a motion in 2007 stating Quebecers are a separate "nation."

Conservatives, Jean have a rocky past

Liberal-appointed Governor General has been criticized by Tories for meddling

There is no small irony in Prime Minister Stephen Harper owing his government's near-term survival to none other than Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean.

Until she granted Harper's precedent-setting request to suspend Parliament until late January, the Governor General hadn't exactly enjoyed a warm and respectful reception in Conservative ranks.

Appointed by then-Liberal prime minister Paul Martin in 2005, she seemed at first to be a surprising, but oddly fitting, choice for a country as multicultural as this one.

Jean, 51, is the first governor general to hail from Quebec since Jeanne Sauvé was appointed in 1984. She also became the first black person to hold the position and only the third woman, after Sauvé and Adrienne Clarkson.

Born in Haiti, she'd arrived here in 1968 when her family fled the brutal regime of François (Papa Doc) Duvalier. She blossomed in this country, earning multiple degrees and mastering five languages before becoming a prominent broadcaster in



Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean allowed Prime Minister Stephen Harper to suspend Parliament until late January.

Quebec.

In introducing her, Martin had beamed that Jean's "personal story is nothing short of extraordinary."

The honeymoon was short.

Almost immediately there were suspicions that Jean's appointment was a crass bid to boost Liberal fortunes in Quebec.

And Jean found herself having to dismiss suggestions she was appointed because she's from a visible minority. "Here is who I am," she'd replied to a reporter's question then, holding her arms wide apart. "I have never been a token, sir. And will never be."

There followed damning

rumours about the alleged separatist leanings of Jean and husband Jean-Daniel Lafond, a Quebec documentary filmmaker.

And then the matter of her holding dual French and Canadian citizenship, with veterans outraged that the potential commander-in-chief of the Canadian Forces would al-

so be a foreign citizen.

Some threatened to turn their backs on her at the next Remembrance Day ceremony.

Harper himself huffed that he was "waiting for somebody in the Prime Minister's Office to put out some information that's contrary to what we're reading in the papers

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now."

Jean ended up renouncing her French citizenship and issuing an extraordinary statement.

"Let me be clear: We have never belonged to a political party or the separatist movement," she wrote in English, adding in French that the couple never subscribed to the "sovereignist ideology."

By the fall of 2006, Tory insiders were dismissing Jean as an intellectual lightweight with a penchant for meddling. That would include her politically charged support for the Afghan mission and an intimate dinner party she held for Afghan president Hamid Karzai.

As a Harper confidante put it then: "It's just plain unacceptable for a GG to be doing this sort of thing."

At about that time, Harper decided to dispense with the regular chats and political updates that have historically taken place between prime ministers and governors general.

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Woodstock Toyota opens a new auto plant



President of Toyota Motor Manufacturing Canada Ray Tanguay speaks at a newly opened Toyota automobile assembly plant in Woodstock, Ont., yesterday. Toyota Canada Inc. cut the ribbon on a new \$1.1-billion assembly plant, bringing about 1,200 new jobs to a sector that has been losing them.

Supreme Court shoots down autism appeal

LEGAL Parents of autistic children say they'll be planning the next step in their legal battle for better treatment programs now that the Supreme Court of Canada has refused to hear their latest appeal.

The families of six autistic children in Ontario hoped the country's highest court would hear an ap-

peal from a somewhat complicated Ontario Court of Appeal ruling earlier this year involving their proposed \$1.2 billion class-action lawsuit against the provincial government.

The Supreme Court yesterday, however, declined to hear the case, customarily giving no reason for its decision.

The proposed class-action lawsuit against the Ontario government and seven school boards seeks redress for what the families are calling "the failures of autism services in Ontario."

As many as 1,500 families could be affected by the outcome of the case, the plaintiffs say.

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CRA clamping down on charitable tax shelters

DONATIONS More than \$2.5 billion in charitable donations connected to tax shelters have been denied by the federal taxman in the last few years with more to come, government officials say.

The tax shelters are schemes in which people are invited to make a \$5,000 donation to buy AIDS-fighting drugs for Africa or to improve literacy in Canada, in return for a \$30,000 charitable tax receipt.

Yesterday, the Canadian Revenue Agency said in many cases it has found these schemes to be a sham.

"Despite numerous warnings and audit actions ... some taxpayers are still participating in tax-shelter gifting schemes," the agency said in a terse statement. Auditors are looking at all of the schemes and in most cases have found "no gift being made," so the agency reduces the value of the receipt to zero.

That means at least 65,000 Canadians who

"Despite numerous warnings and audit actions ... some taxpayers are still participating in tax-shelter gifting schemes."

Statement by the Canadian Revenue Agency

thought they were getting a big break on their taxes have been told they must pay back thousands of dollars, with some also facing hefty penalties. In its statement yesterday, the agency said taxpayers who confess their involvement in a shelter have a good chance of paying lower penalties.

Meanwhile, the federal charity regulator (a division of the revenue agency) continues to revoke the status of charities entwined in these financial schemes.

Six charities have had their status revoked this year, including the Toronto-based International Charity Association Network, Banyan Tree Foundation, and the Choson Kallah Fund. Also revoked was the status of the Francis Jude Wilson Foundation of Montreal and the

Pinnacle Foundation of Vancouver.

A Toronto Star investigation of charities has found dozens of other tax shelters operating in Canada. Typically, the shelter is set up by business people who create a promotional scheme that involves some form of charitable work, such as the purchase overseas of medication (like AIDS drugs). Several lawyers are in the business of providing "opinions" testifying to the legitimacy of the scheme. The promoters then enlist accountants to market them.

Key to the success of the plan is a charity willing to issue tax receipts so the donor can claim for a tax break. In some cases, charities are created and registered with the federal government for this purpose.

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Gunmen attacked two oil services vessels in separate incidents in Nigeria's Niger delta yesterday, kidnapping a Russian, a Mexican and seven Nigerians, security sources working in the industry said. The vessel Oceanic Orion was attacked some 13 nautical miles off the coast near a crude oil rig operated by Canada's Addax Petroleum. **REUTERS**

World



Lack of evidence against Olmert

Israel's chief prosecutor said yesterday there was not enough evidence to charge outgoing Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, left, over his conduct in the sale of an Israeli commercial bank, one of several probes against him. Olmert resigned in September in the face of several corruption investigations, but is serving as caretaker prime minister until a new government is formed after a Feb. 10 election. **REUTERS**

U.S. vows to keep pushing Pakistan

ATTACKS Pakistan must co-operate fully and communicate with India after the Mumbai attacks, the White House said yesterday, vowing to keep the pressure on to ensure that happened.

"Pakistan needs to act with resolve, urgency. They need to co-operate fully and transparently and they need to keep the line of communication open between their country and India," White House spokes-woman Dana Perino said.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, on a trip to the region aimed at curbing tension between nuclear-armed India and Pakistan, said last week's Mumbai attack that saw 171 people killed by militants showed a level of sophistication unseen in the region and urgent action was needed.

REUTERS

Israel evicts settlers

Israeli police used tear gas and clubs to evict hard-line Jewish settlers from a building in the West Bank city of Hebron yesterday, igniting a wave of settler violence across the Palestinian territory.

The lightning operation by hundreds of policemen and soldiers ended in less than an hour.

About 30 settlers suffered light-to-moderate injuries, mostly from smoke inhalation. Three policemen were hurt by settlers, who threw rocks, chemicals and food at them.

Angry Jewish settlers, some armed, responded by setting fire to Palestinian cars and property near the building. Eight Palestinians were hurt, including three from gunshot wounds.

Settler violence quickly spread to other areas of



Israeli police officers evict a Jewish settler from a disputed building in the West Bank city of Hebron yesterday. Israeli police used tear gas and clubs to evict dozens of hard-line Jewish settlers after days of stone-throwing clashes with Palestinians. **REUTERS/KONEN ZVULON**

the Israeli-occupied West Bank with security forces moving to quell the protests. After a few hours of protests in Hebron, at around midnight, local residents reported clashes had largely died down.

Tensions have been especially high in the flash-point city since the Israeli High Court on Nov. 16 ordered settlers to vacate the building they have been occupying since March 2007. **REUTERS**

Police's DNA storage ruled rights violation

EVIDENCE Britain violated the privacy of two people by storing their DNA profiles, Europe's human rights court ruled yesterday, a decision that calls into question rules governing the use of the country's DNA database.

British groups campaigning for individual liberties immediately demanded a change in the law, which the government rejected.

The case centred on a boy who was charged with attempted robbery and later acquitted, and a man

who was charged with harassing his partner before the case was discontinued.

Both applied for their fingerprints and DNA samples to be destroyed, but police kept the information on the basis of a law allowing them to keep it indefinitely.

The 17 judges ruled unanimously that Britain had violated the right to respect for private life. They awarded the two people concerned 42,000 euros in expenses. **REUTERS**

News in brief

ALCOHOL Bars, breweries and beverage companies across the United States plan to mark the 75th anniversary of the repeal of Prohibition today. From

1920 until its repeal in 1933, the 18th Amendment banned the manufacture, sale and distribution of intoxicating liquor nationwide.

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Microsoft Corp., in its continuing push to compete in the critical area of Internet search, has hired a former senior Yahoo Inc. executive, Qi Lu, to head its online services group. **REUTERS**

Brazil axes offsets

Brazil yesterday ruled out letting rich countries offset their greenhouse-gas emissions by helping to save the Amazon rain forest, an idea under active discussion by the European Union.

Indigenous peoples attending United Nations-led climate talks in Poznan protested that they had no chance of seeing such carbon cash, and appealed instead for money first to root out corruption and cement their land rights.

EU member states yesterday

Carbon offsets

- The global carbon market caps greenhouse gases in rich countries. They can exceed these targets, but only if they pay for corresponding emissions cuts in the developing world.

day debated widening that scheme to allow "forest offsetting" — letting countries and companies compensate for excess carbon emissions by funding tropi-

cal forest conservation.

A French draft paper suggested the bloc could allow forest offsetting as a way to help companies meet carbon obligations more cheaply during a recession.

The rate of Amazon deforestation increased in the year to July for the first time in four years. But the country said it would block the use of offsets under a new treaty, explaining that would absolve rich countries from cutting their own emissions. **REUTERS**

The Hague Children's Peace Prize awarded



Mayra Avellar Neves of Brazil, left, receives the Children's Peace Prize from Archbishop Desmond Tutu during a ceremony in The Hague yesterday.

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Former Refco lawyer indicted

FRAUD Joseph Collins, an ex-lawyer for collapsed commodities broker Refco Finance Holdings LLC was indicted on additional charges yesterday for efforts to fraudulently obtain hundreds of millions in revolving lines of credit from a group of banks, U.S. prosecutors said. **REUTERS**

Smoke hinders pregnancy: Study

HEALTH Women who breathed in second-hand smoke as children or young adults were later more likely to have trouble getting pregnant and suffer miscarriages, U.S. researchers said yesterday. Toxins in the smoke could have permanently damaged their bodies, they said. **REUTERS**

News in brief

CREDIT Mexico's Senate passed a bill yesterday prohibiting banks from sending clients pre-approved credit cards, extending credit limits without clients' consent, and other practices that can get people into huge debt. Banks in Mexico, mostly foreign-owned, are widely seen as charging excessively high interest rates and service fees. **REUTERS**



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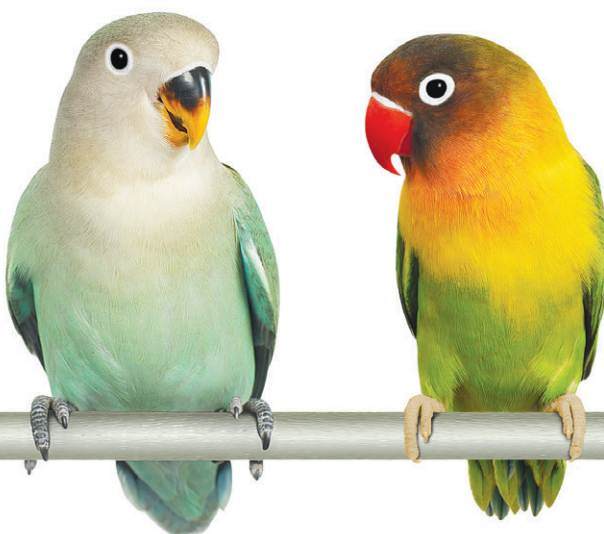
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Winner of the world's

Canadian Joel Charlebois wins \$2,000, one-week trip to Paris

CONTEST Fifty-five thousand entries, 20,000 votes, 120,000 comments over 500,000 visits to the website (metrophotochallenge.com) — and only one

winner. The grand prize of the 2008 Metro Global Photo Challenge, goes to Toronto's Joel Charlebois for his eerie snapshot Midnight Tram to Humber,

based on the theme Urban Jungle.

Thousands of photographers from more than 20 countries in which Metro publishes let their inspira-

tions flow in the contest.

The global jury panel chaired by Marco Delogu, Italy's most sought-after portrait photographer, had the difficult task of picking

the final photograph from the final 100 global entries.

As the global winner, Charlebois receives \$2,000 and a one-week trip for two to Paris, where he will

have the chance to create a story-shoot from his Parisian experience. Metro will publish his shots in all 84 editions worldwide.

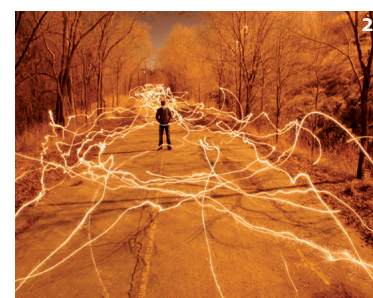
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1. Midnight Tram to Humber, winner of the 2008 Metro Global Photo Challenge by Joel Charlebois, was shot on a Canon SD500 point-and-shoot camera.

4 runners-up

Three of top 5 finalists are Canadian entries



2. lydiamacintosh, Canada.

3. phil_fortin, Canada.

4. Roman, Czech Republic.

5. zdenaldvorak, Czech Republic.

Joel: I spent three hours waiting for the shot

Winner of the 2008 Metro Global Photo Challenge, Joel Charlebois, talks about his amazing month and reveals the recipe for a winning photo.

This has been a memorable month for you, hasn't it?

"Firstly, I was unemployed when I entered the competition and now I have a job, which is great.

Then I got to take part in the photo exhibition arranged by Metro. Seeing Midnight Tram to Humber exhibited and being admired by hundreds of people was a fantastic feeling. And this on the night of my 30th birthday! I then won the challenge globally, which is even more amazing."

How was the picture taken?

"A year ago, there had



Joel's passion is film.

been a few foggy nights in Toronto, and every time I would walk home in the

dark, I would wonder what it would be like to capture those eerie moments on camera."

"So one night, I wrapped up warm, took my backpack and little point-and-shoot camera and spent three hours waiting for the perfect shot in the street. I wasn't working at the time, so I could afford to be up in the middle of the night."

How does it feel to be an amateur who has beaten professional photographers?

"It is a thrilling achievement. More so that I won with a photo I shot on a Canon SD500 point-and-shoot and \$20 plastic tripod. It's motivation for anyone with an eye — but not necessarily the fancy tools — to keep shooting."

Has winning the challenge

given you a boost to take photography more seriously?

"It has certainly given me a major boost — as well as an amazing camera to work with (a Nikon D700 as my prize) and not the little point-and-shoot I used previously. I am definitely going to try and use this opportunity to realize my dreams."

ROMINA MCGUINNESS

Rise in suicides shocks Saskatchewan officials

Leaders in northern Saskatchewan say they are shocked by a recent series of suicides among young people and are looking for ways to stop the trend. According to officials, there have been five deaths in two communities in the north in the past several weeks. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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Tricky Dick back again

OmniVision

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Like most of my generation, born in the mid '60s, I watched that decade and the grinding transition to the '70s over the shoulders of my parents and older siblings.

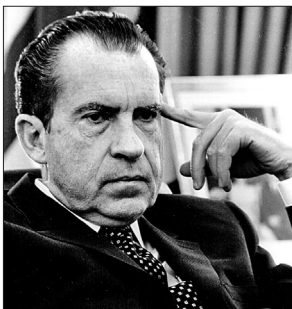
Their relationship to Richard Nixon — as fervent as the tie they had with Pierre Trudeau, though usually for different reasons — was one we could only witness, though like the Mexican blankets and plastic chairs that they once used to decorate their homes, we inherited it as we moved into our adult lives.

I can't help but compare it to the scene in Ang Lee's

movie of Rick Moody's novel *The Ice Storm*, set during the Watergate hearings, when Christina Ricci puts on a rubber Nixon mask as she makes out with Elijah Wood. The confusion and trauma on his face is priceless, and if he wasn't dead before the credits rolled, you knew that he was going to carry that emotional scar with him for the rest of his life. Death, it seemed, was the preferable alternative.

The release of *Frost/Nixon* this weekend marks the peak of yet another cycle in Nixon's posthumous half-life, the ebbing and surging of public fascination with the man, played in Ron Howard's film by Frank Langella as halfway between an impersonation and an interpretation.

Sam Rockwell's portrayal of writer James Reston Jr., one of the team who helped David Frost with his landmark four-part televised interview with the disgraced



Richard Nixon

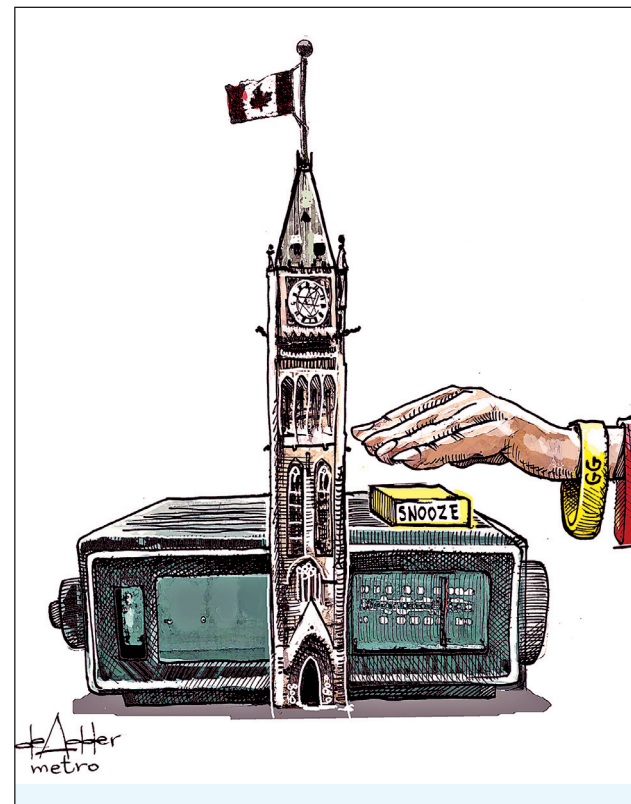
president, echoes the betrayal we saw in our parents and especially our older brothers and sisters as they confronted Nixon before, during and after Watergate.

I think my generation has always been more ambivalent, though no less fascinated by Nixon, and the film connects with our image of the "tragic" Nixon when, at the end of their verbal battle, Langella's Nixon tells Frost that his biggest regret is how his betrayal of public trust has made politics irredeemably compromised and

corrupt for young people from 1973 on.

It's a bit disingenuous — there have been devastating political scandals before, and disillusioning young people is only marginally less difficult than getting them to listen to bad music. Just as a hyperbolic ululation to transformative change peaks, there's always something like this week's parliamentary crotch-kicking to remind us that getting and holding power is often the only real policy a politician will wholeheartedly embrace. I don't know if my Nixon is better than the one looming over the political imagination of my older brother and sister, but I know I prefer our Nixon, betrayed by his own ambition and no less human for it, to the bogeyman who taunted my siblings from his ghostly lair in San Clemente.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.



MICHAEL DE ADDER

Views

Reduce. Reuse. Recycle. Rethink.

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Terence Harding

Most of us care a great deal about what happens to the environment.

We want clean air, clean water and a world that will sustain us and generations to come.

So those three Rs have become our eco-friendly mantra.

Reduce and re-use are primarily a personal responsibility.

We can use less water, drive more fuel efficient cars and ensure our surplus goods go to someone who needs them.

Recycling, however, is something else entirely. Effective recycling requires a

program and the infrastructure to support it.

Edmontonians acknowledged the need for a civic recycling program early on and we have led the way in recycling and reducing the amount of material that goes into landfill.

Recycling has become second nature to us.

Every week we dutifully separate our recyclables from other waste and put them out for the city to collect.

Doing so puts us on the side of the angels. Right? Wrong!

I assume that like me, few of us have asked what happens to those things once they are picked up and carted away.

This is particularly true of the plastic items that make up much of what we put out for collection.

I just assumed that some local company made something useful from them.

Recycling has become second nature to us ... Doing so puts us on the side of the angels. Right? Wrong!

As a result, it came as quite a shock to find out our plastic is sold to a private contractor who ships it to Shenzhen China for recycling.

No big deal you say. At least it is being recycled rather than landfilled.

That's true but at what environmental cost?

If you haven't seen Ed Burtinsky's DVD *Manufactured Landscapes*, you should either buy it or rent it.

It will make you rethink what role recycling is playing in protecting the environment. Burtinsky's film shows

how recycling facilities in China are destroying their local environments and Shenzhen is no exception.

In our attempt to do the right thing, we have become implicit exporters of pollution.

We need to concentrate on reduce more than on recycle. In that regard, Edmonton can really lead the way. Let's get rid of as much plastic as we can. Cup lids can be made of paper. Bottles can be made of glass.

Milk can be put in cardboard.

If this city cares about the environment, it will pass a plastics reduction bylaw instead of continuing to perpetrate a sham on those who really care about the environment.

Terence Harding is a corporate communicator and has been a radio and television talk show host, newspaper columnist and radio commentator. He is a keen observer of all things Edmonton.

Letters

Don't blow roses up my backside and call it politics

Re: *Sweater Threadbare* by Andrew Cohen, Dec. 4

I wanted to respond to Andrew Cohen's commentary on Mr. Harper's detrimental lack of "charisma." What I dislike about Canadians is our need to have a politician blow roses up our backsides to distract us from their greedy hands in our pockets. It seems we are happy to be taken advantage of and lied to as long as the politician in question is doing it nicely.

I am not going on a date with Mr. Harper. I don't need him to romance me or be my best friend. However, I need a strong, intelligent leader who has his priorities straight to govern my Country.

It was cheap for Mr. Cohen to scoff at how Tory strategists chose sweaters to make him look more approachable. But if that's the worst the left-wingers can do to defame our PM, it just reinforces how the weakness of their arguments are so ironically well matched to their leaders. Finally, if Mr. Harper laid a "blow upon a bruise," it's nothing compared to what coalition parties will do to themselves if they get their way

— this time, they may never get up.

TARRAH HALL,
CALGARY, AB

Time to bone up on your parliamentary knowledge

I'm surprised and baffled that so many Canadians have little knowledge of the parliamentary Constitution. We don't elect a prime minister. We elect a Parliament. It is then the responsibility of that Parliament to choose a leader.

DAN GOULET,
TORONTO, ON

Pandora's box now open

Gov. Gen. Michaëlle Jean made a serious error in shutting down Parliament. From this point forward, any leader to follow has a legal argument that they can suspend Parliament anytime it disagrees with a PM. EUGENE PARKS, VICTORIA B.C.

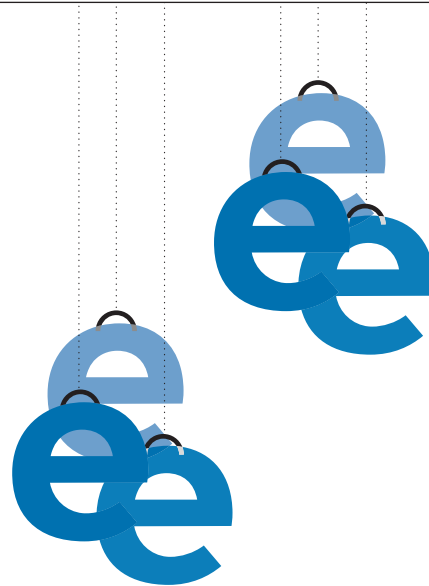
America looking better

Say what you want about America, but at least their constitution guarantees people can vote whoever they want into power for four years, without the threat of a shady backroom deal bringing them down weeks after taking power.

ORESTES ROBLEDO,
TORONTO, ON

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Norway's StatoilHydro said yesterday it scrapped plans to build a \$16-billion US upgrader for its Alberta oilsands holdings, citing prohibitive costs, weak oil prices, economic turmoil and a lack of "legislative clarity." **REUTERS**

Business

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Purchasing, building permits sag as economy slows in Q4

FINDINGS Purchasing activity in Canada contracted to its lowest level ever last month, while building permits fell sharply in October, two reports showed yesterday, providing the first strong indications of a slower fourth-quarter economy.

The Ivey Purchasing Managers Index fell to 40.2 in November from 52.2 in October, and marked the first time activity had contracted since December 2007. Analysts surveyed by Reuters had expected a reading of 50.5.

It was also the lowest

reading since the data series began in December 2000.

In another sign of weakening activity in the fourth quarter, the value of Canadian building permits fell by a steeper than expected 15.7 per cent in October.

The decline came off September's robust 12.5 per cent increase, though that was marked down from an early estimate of 13.4 per cent, Statistics Canada said.

A Reuters survey of analysts had predicted only a 6.8 per cent decline in October.

REUTERS

Bankruptcies soar in October

The number of personal bankruptcies in Canada soared by more than 20 per cent in October as individuals came under increased pressure from deteriorating economic conditions, according to a report released yesterday.

The Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada said a total of 9,468 bankruptcies were filed in October by consumers and businesses. That represents a 7.2 per cent increase from September and a hefty 21.1 per cent

Construction, retail lead filings

• Among businesses, the construction sector led the way with 97 bankruptcy filings, which was 32.9 per cent above

October 2007. The retail-trade sector was next with 68 filings, which was 5.6 per cent below last year.

jump from the same month in 2007.

According to the report, the majority of filings came from individual Canadians, who saw world stock markets plummet during October as the global financial crisis gathered

momentum.

The report showed that 8,972 consumers filed for personal bankruptcy in October. That was up 7.5 per cent from September and 22.8 per cent higher than the same month in 2007.

Bankruptcies filed by

businesses totaled 496, just 1.4 per cent higher than in September and actually down 3.3 per cent from October 2007.

Compared with 2007, the total bankruptcies filed in October rose 50.9 per cent in Alberta, 37.4 per cent in British Columbia, and 36.5 per cent in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Bankruptcies in the manufacturing heartlands of Ontario and Quebec rose 21.6 per cent and 13.6 per cent respectively.

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Profits fall at 3 Canadian banks

EARNINGS TD Bank, National Bank and CIBC all reported lower profits yesterday, but the results were either in line with market expectations or with the banks' own warnings in recent weeks.

TD blamed trading losses; National reported profit despite various charges and writedowns; and CIBC said profit fell 51 per cent.

"I would categorize today as a no-big-surprise day, which is a good thing in this environment," said Craig Fehr, a financial services analyst at Edward Jones.

REUTERS

In brief

DEPARTURE Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc.'s CFO Howard Hochhauser is leaving his post, the company said.

REUTERS

Luxury Spending not slowing



Models stand next to M.V. Augusta motorcycles during the opening day of the 2008 Luxury Show in Bucharest yesterday. Despite the cash squeeze that has hastened recession globally, organizers still expect a high demand for luxury goods.

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Baseball salaries slowed this year even before the economy cooled. The average salary in Major League Baseball this season was \$2.93 million US, the players' association said yesterday. The 3.6 per cent increase was the smallest since 2004. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports



Avery decision expected today

The Dallas Stars' Sean Avery, left, spent three hours in a disciplinary hearing with NHL commissioner Gary Bettman yesterday in New York over lewd comments made on camera Tuesday in Calgary. Avery is suspended indefinitely and Bettman will determine any further punishment. "I want to take the opportunity to spend a little time thinking about what transpired at the hearing and everything that I was told and that needs to be considered," Bettman said during his weekly radio show. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Sports in brief

NHL The Detroit Red Wings assigned veteran defenceman Chris Chelios to Grand Rapids of the American Hockey League yesterday on a conditioning assignment.

CFL The British Columbia Lions have released slotback Jason Clermont. A first-round draft pick by the Lions in 2002, Clermont has 428 career catches for 5,917 yards, placing him sixth on the club's receptions list.

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Triano takes the helm

First Canadian head coach in NBA history takes charge of Raptors

Over five years and countless hours of practice sessions, games and the downtime that mark an NBA season, Chris Bosh has reached a nice comfort level with Jay Triano. Nothing should change now that there's been an alteration in Triano's job description.

"I'm comfortable with Jay; he's been in a head coaching position before with the Canadian national team, he's just not in unknown waters right now," Bosh said after a two-hour workout in Toronto yesterday morning.

"He has a system that he wants to run. We're not changing a whole bunch, we're going to keep doing what we're doing and he's making some minor adjustments."

"Only change that was needed was that we needed to play harder and execute better and come with a better mentality in each and



Jay Triano acted as head coach for one game last year – a 109-91 Raptors victory over the Nets.

every game."

There was no large measure of remorse among the

Raptors a day after Sam Mitchell was fired. The NBA can be a tough business,

everyone knows, and while players and Mitchell's co-workers are far from blameless on his demise, there was far more looking forward than back.

"Me and Sam were very close, but that's a decision that the front office made and we have to move with it," said Bosh. "We all accept it and I'm sure that Sam is moving on just like we are."

"No responsibility. We don't make the calls, that's all on the people that do it. No matter what we do or what we say, it's all on the people in the front office to change that."

Triano, 50, takes over an 8-9 team that some — primarily general manager Bryan Colangelo — think should have a better record. Triano, a native of Niagara Falls, Ont., gets the job after spending seven seasons on the Raptors bench. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

NHL RESULTS

Red Wings 6 Canucks 5



Jiri Hudler and Daniel Cleary each scored two goals to lead the Detroit Red Wings to a 6-5 win over the Vancouver Canucks last night as the two teams put an early wrap on their season series. Henrik Sedin had a goal and an assist for Vancouver.

Coyotes 6 Maple Leafs 3



Martin Hanzal had his first three-goal game in the NHL, and Steven Reinprecht added a pair of third-period goals in the Phoenix Coyotes' 6-3 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs last night. Alexei Ponikarovsky scored twice, and Jason Blake had a goal and two assists for Toronto. The Maple Leafs have lost two straight.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Just because it's the National Football League fans won't shell out big bucks

YorkReport

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A lot of us Canadians, it turns out, aren't suckers. We're not idiots. We're not willing to pay outrageous, absurd prices for an NFL game just

because it will be the first regular-season one on Canadian soil.

Clearly, fans have said no to the NFL's historic tilt at the Rogers Centre on Sunday afternoon and will either be leaving a considerable number of seats empty or paying more reasonable amounts for tickets than the game's organizers initially sought. In fact, visitors to websites such as craigslist.ca or kijiji.ca will find they can purchase tickets at half the original ask-

ing prices for non-VIP seats, which ranged from \$110 to \$350.

Oh, technically, the game's a sellout. Organizers with the Rogers corporation claimed almost all remaining tickets yesterday, I'm told, thus ensuring a theoretical sellout and eliminating any possibility of a local television blackout of the match between the Buffalo Bills and Miami Dolphins.

But, "If you wait till Sunday morning (to check web-

About Avery

Controversial NHLer Sean Avery was extremely close to becoming a Maple Leaf before this season. Metro sports columnist Marty York has learned. For details, check out metronews.ca/nhlreport.

sites), I'm sure tickets will be going for even less than half price," said Gus Lambrinakos, co-operator of the Ultimate Touch Football League in Toronto and the

owner of season-ticket subscriptions for nine NFL teams.

"I mean, you're talking about Buffalo and Miami, not the Super Bowl. People aren't stupid. They (organizers) overestimated the public. They thought they'd be well received but they're getting a rude awakening."

Lambrinakos himself purchased several end-zone tickets for Sunday's game at \$140 each a few months ago but, because of his distaste for the NFL exhibition

game at the Rogers Centre in August, he sold his seats for a slight profit and instead will be in New Jersey Sunday to watch the Philadelphia Eagles visit the New York Giants.

A question about the Raptors' decision to fire Sam Mitchell as coach: WHAT TOOK SO LONG?

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Keanu Reeves discusses his latest sci-fi role — the extraterrestrial Klaatu in the updated version of the sci-fi film *The Day the Earth Stood Still* — including the challenges of trying to make a “believable” alien.

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Milk tells the story of “martyr” for gay community.

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Alan Cross muses over which band defines this decade.

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Folk-rock band Everest on tour with Neil Young, Wilco.



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Keanu makes the earth stand still

TALIA SOGHOMONIAN
Metro World News



Keanu Reeves has an incredible presence, inviting, sophisticated and sure of himself. The actor stars as the extraterrestrial Klaatu in the reworking of Robert Wise's 1951 masterpiece, *The Day The Earth Stood Still* — in theatres next Friday.

Looking elegant in the equally chic surroundings of the Ritz, Keanu Reeves tells us more.

Q Congratulations, you manage to come across as a scary alien without any overacting or weird physical traits.

A Thank you. It was scary to play an alien because it has to be believable. So I'm glad that you went along with the story. I approached it like any other role. I was trying to figure out what did the alien want, who was it, how does it exist. And I just came up with ideas for that and tried to play the role.

Q Did you watch the original?

A Yeah, sure. But this version of the film, and specifically Klaatu, the character that I play, is very different ... In the original, the alien comes to Earth and, in a way, he's more human than humans. He has a very soft, personable, friendly disposition, and in my interpretation — or in terms of this story's interpretation, that's not the case. He's much more objective and distant and perhaps a little more cold.

Q Both the original and this remake carry strong messages for humankind.

A The original was more about violence and the expansion of violence. The alien came and said, "If you continue with this violent path, we will be more violent than you." So there



Keanu Reeves plays the extraterrestrial Klaatu in the updated version of the sci-fi film *The Day The Earth Stood Still*.

Movie interview

was kind of a threat there. If that's violence, I don't know. In this film, I guess it's ecology. I guess the human character. The film says we are at a crossroads with our planet. We, as a human species, are having such an adverse impact on the planet that either we're going to die or the planet's going to die. And if the Earth dies, we die. But if you die, the Earth survives. My character is here to make a judgment on the human species and

comes to learn and believe that at this crossroads, at this tipping point, human beings can change, that we will be able to survive ourselves and hopefully some other species on the planet.

Q Do you think there's a political message, especially when Kathy Bates' character says, "You don't talk to the U.N. You talk to us"?

A Yeah, it's a multi-layered film and I think part of it is the representation in the beginning that America is aggressive, and when it's confronted by something unknown reacts aggressively. The story we tell is that maybe that's not the best way to be, that that kind of aggression has adverse consequences

Q Does it resonate with what's happening today?

A Yeah. It's an issue that people are thinking about ... hopefully the film will be part of the solution.

Q Do you think that movies and art in general can help people change or raise awareness?

A Yeah, I hope so. I think it's part of a dialogue. It's part of — I use the German word gestalt. I think it's on a lot of people's minds, in terms of global warming and ... the impact that humans are having on the planet.

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Raising a glass to Milk

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Movie feature

Beyond being an impressive piece of storytelling, Gus Van Sant's *Milk* is an important film because it dramatizes the life of the one of the most underappreciated political figures of the 1970s.

Harvey Milk was the first openly gay man elected to political office in America, breaking what seemed like an insurmountable barrier.

"Harvey's contribution in the gay movement was enormous," said Vancouver's Tim Stevenson, who holds the dual honour of being Canada's first openly gay provincial cabinet minister and an ordained minister.

"He was way ahead of his time," said the former B.C. minister of employment and investment. "He led the way for many other politicians who I think at that time didn't consider it a possibility to be openly gay and elected."

Stevenson has been involved with the gay liberation movement for more than 30 years and is quick to acknowledge that, "Har-

vey was one of my main influences.

"When I started in the '70s it didn't look even remotely possible that I could be ordained in a church, let alone become a politician, let alone become a cabinet minister. We didn't even think of that. We're at a place now where you can basically achieve what you want to achieve."

But like many political figures in the gay community, Stevenson is worried that younger generations don't appreciate the sacrifices and achievements of trailblazers like Harvey Milk, who helped create the current political climate of tolerance.

"He really is a martyr for the liberation movement. That's why I'm particularly pleased to see a movie like this coming out because it



Sean Penn stars as Harvey Milk.

will help people remember. I think it's essential that gay, lesbian, and transgender people know our history and understand how we got to where we are.

"It didn't happen without a lot of pain, a lot of suffering and death. We forget our own history to our peril."

Stevenson isn't the only person who feels this way. In fact, it was the primary motivation of many of the people involved in making Milk — like screenwriter Dustin Lance Black.

"The movie will be helpful for the gay community as an education piece," Black said, "I think it will also be really helpful for the gay leadership to see how it's done."

Milk makes its way into city theatres next Friday.

On the web

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Swank to be a resident

Hilary Swank has signed on to appear in *The Resident* in a new film from Finnish director Antti Jokinen and the newly revitalized Hammer Films. [IMDB.COM](#)

Reel Time

●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR



Republican Congressman Ron Paul is among those who speak about the United States' growing debt in the Patrick Creadon documentary *I.O.U.S.A.*

Striking a fine balance

I.O.U.S.A.

Director: Patrick Creadon
Classification: G
Rating: ●●●●●

ROBYN YOUNG
for Metro Canada



"If you don't have any money, you should not buy anything," comic Amy Poehler reads from the first chapter of a debt-management book during a *Saturday Night Live* sketch.

"It sounds confusing," Steve Martin chimes in with a bewildered look on his face as the audience breaks into laughter.

Clips from this SNL gag run throughout *I.O.U.S.A.* The documentary — adapt-

ed from Addison Wiggin and William Bonner's book *Empire of Debt* — serves as a metaphor for how the United States arrived at such a crippling national debt: More than \$10 trillion US.

The documentary chronicles the last 150 years of the United States economy, pointing out that the country has reached its most serious fiscal crisis in the past seven years — during the reign of President George W. Bush.

Directed and co-written by Patrick Creadon, the film offers a welcome mix of humour and devastating financial facts and figures, hitting just the right balance between entertainment and education.

David Walker, former comptroller general for the United States, narrates as

camera crews follow him and the Concord Coalition's Robert Bixby through 26 states on their Fiscal Wake-up Tour.

Between interviews with the likes of former Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan, author Bonner and former treasury secretary Paul O'Neill, and clips from speeches by U.S. presidents past and present, the viewer is treated to shots of the national debt clock, which climbs ever closer to the \$9-trillion mark by the end of the film.

While *I.O.U.S.A.* may not be as entertaining as Michael Moore specials, it's a film that brings to light the trouble the American economy is facing and the fact it's going to get worse before it gets better.

A fireball, no aliens in the Prairies

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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Recently, a giant meteor lit up the Canadian Prairie sky. "It was really bright. We weren't really sure what happened ... got up to look out the window, and all of a sudden, we heard this rumbling," said one witness.

If this happened in a movie a nerdy lab-coated scientist would say something like, "No telling what kind of meteor it is or what goes on inside of it ... it's

been gathering the secrets of time and space for billions of years," before giant bugs or aliens hatch from the mysterious rock, bringing intergalactic mayhem with them.

Next week, a massive fireball will bring Keanu Reeves crashing to earth in *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, a remake of the 1951 sci-fi classic. In it he plays Klaatu, an ambassador from an extra-terrestrial confederation who arrives with a simple message for the people of the third rock from the sun, "If the Earth dies, you die. If you die, the Earth survives."

Movie meteors aren't always bad, however. Robert Townsend wrote, directed and starred in *Meteor Man* about a meek Washington, D.C., teacher who develops

superpowers after being hit by a glowing green meteor. Using his newly found abilities, he cleans up the streets after a drug lord moves into his neighbourhood.

So far there haven't been any reports from the prairies of alien spores or giant beasts terrorizing Brandon, Manitoba but if movie science is to be believed anything is possible.

According to Paul Frees in *The Monolith Monsters* you never know when the meteor will make itself known. "Meteors!" he says. "Another strange calling card from the limitless regions of space... The meteor lies dormant in the night — waiting!"

Richard Crouse is the author of *Son of the 100 Best Movies You've Never Seen* and film critic for CTV's *Canada AM*.

Movie morsels

Australia

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REVIEW Australia is a beautifully filmed study of a vast land that — as one character says — has "a strange power." What director Baz Luhrmann should fret over is the drawn-out narrative that plays to melodramatic excess. Set during the outbreak of the Second World War, *Australia* features Nicole Kidman as Lady Ashley, widow of a murdered cattle ranch owner.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Changeling

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REVIEW Directed by legendary icon Clint Eastwood, *Changeling* tells the emotional journey of Christine Collins (Angelina Jolie), a single mother in 1920s Los Angeles who comes home to find her son missing. Following weeks of relentlessly searching, the police suddenly show up with her child, reporters in tow. Great. Only there's a catch: It ain't him.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Flash of Genius

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REVIEW Set in the heyday of the automobile, *Flash of Genius* is about Robert Kearns, an eccentric college professor who — after literally getting coked in the eye — invents a new wiper. When the Ford Motor Company shows just enough interest to get his prototype and steal the idea, Kearns must take on the auto giant to regain his dignity even though it costs him his family and, by all indication, his sanity.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

The Haunting of Molly Hartley

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REVIEW The Haunting of Molly Hartley is a choppy, disjointed movie short on scares and story. It's like they couldn't wait to make a movie, so they plowed ahead with the production without developing a plot. The script is lazy: Stuff happens that isn't connected, you can see some events coming a mile away, and the baffling ending explains nothing.

Jim Reyno/Metro Canada

Four Christmases

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REVIEW Vince Vaughn and

Reese Witherspoon star as a professional couple who always avoid their families during the holidays. After the film's worst plot contrivance traps them in the country and broadcasts their availability to their kin, the couple embark on their dreaded four Christmases. Sure, this is no future Christmas classic, but it will be a movie that you won't angrily turn off when it starts airing on television.

Phil Brown/Metro Canada

Role Models

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REVIEW Without its leading men — one uses the term loosely in this case — *Role Models* would be just another installment in the sub-Apatow genre, which is to say a comedy based on character and dialogue and the odd kick in the nuts. Paul Rudd and Seann William Scott are simply the best parts of a great cast that delivers a barrage of laughs.

Rick McGinnis/Metro Canada

Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa

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REVIEW If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Yes, it's an archaic, overused adage, but when it comes to *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa*, it also applies. The movie isn't without its improvements: It has plenty of jokes and inside-gags for the adults but they're mostly just recycled sensibilities from the 2005 film. Of course, the story is what really counts, and *Madagascar 2* tells too many tales.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Max Payne

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REVIEW Max Payne is another hit video game-turned-Hollywood blockbuster. As the title character, Mark Wahlberg is an angry, maverick cop who is determined to find the savages who killed his wife and child. Shirking his civic duty, Payne conspires with a sexy assassin — Mila Kunis of *That '70s Show* — and discovers a dark underworld that may be connected to otherworldly demons.

Steve Gow/Metro Canada

Pride and Glory

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REVIEW Edward Norton stars as Ray Tierney, a traumatized detective who returns to the force at the

urging of his police chief father (Jon Voight) to investigate the mysterious murder of four of NYPD's finest. Exploring themes of loyalty and integrity, Ray is torn between his close-knit family and the NYPD, forced to confront his own pained morality.

Steve Gow/For Metro Canada

Transporter 3

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REVIEW The latest entry in the lucrative but critically maligned franchise, simply called *Transporter 3*, and once more pits an iron jawed, black belt-sporting mercenary driver Frank Martin against a cabal of greasy, well tailored international baddies. And while the film boasts the same clunky narrative problems and distractingly dubbed European actors as the first two installments, I'm happy to report that the breathlessly paced *Transporter* makes amends by delivering some of the most delirious action set pieces of this or any other year.

Chris Alexander/Metro Canada

Twilight

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REVIEW Kristin Stewart stars as Bella, a young girl who moves to a small town and becomes instantly captivated by a classmate named Edward (Robert Pattinson) who is part of a very peculiar and insular family known as the Cullens. As Bella becomes more attracted to Edward, she discovers that the Cullens are a clan of vampires ... but very safe emo-vampires who only drink animal blood and spend of most of their time silently emoting and looking pretty rather than preying on helpless victims. Thus begins the epic tale of forbidden love that has made the millions of teenage girls swoon.

Phil Brown/Metro Canada

Zack and Miri Make a Porno

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REVIEW Zack And Miri Make A Porno is a very sweet romantic comedy about two best friends discovering their love for one another. Granted they discover it while having sex on camera, but it is sweet. The title says it all. It's also a good litmus test. If the title makes you laugh you'll probably enjoy the movie.

Phil Brown/Metro Canada

Screen Times

THESE PAGES COVER MOVIE START TIMES FROM FRI., DEC. 5 TO THURS., DEC. 11. TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.



Reese Witherspoon and Vince Vaughn in a scene from *Four Christmases*, which is now in theatres.

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Quantum of Solace (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 12:50-3:20-6:40-9:20
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Burn After Reading (14A) Fri-Sat 1:30-4:25-7:15-9:30-11:40 Sun-Thu 1:30-4:25-7:15-9:30

The Dark Knight (PG) Fri-Sat 1:10-4:20-7:40-11:20 Sun-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:40

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Max Payne (14A) Fri-Sat 1:55-4:45-7:15-9:45-12 Sun-Thu 1:55-4:45-7:15-9:45

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist (PG) Fri-Sat 9:25-11:45 Sun-Thu 9:25

Pride and Glory (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4-6:50-9:40

Quarantine (18A) Fri-Sat 7:30-10:05-12:05 Sun-Thu 7:30-10:05

RocknRolla (14A) Fri-Sat 1:25-4:35-7:10-9:50-12:05 Sun-Thu 1:25-4:35-7:10-9:50

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Debate for the decade

SoundCheck

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By my reckoning, there are 391 days until the end of the first decade of the 21st century and we still haven't managed to come up with a proper name for it. The Zeroes? The Aughts? The O's? The Zips? You'd think we'd have figured it out by now. If it's any consolation, though, Gregorian calendar types faced the same issue between 1900 and 1909. (Personally, I blame Stanley Kubrick for some of the

confusion. Life might be much different if he had called his 1968 movie "Twenty-oh-one: A Space Odyssey.")

And with 391 days left, you'd figure that we might have come up with a Band of the Decade. After all, the '60s were all about the Beatles and the Stones. In the '70s, it was Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin and the Eagles. The '80s gave us U2 and Springsteen while the '90s remains all about grunge: Nirvana and Pearl Jam.

But those were the days when we didn't have the kind of access to music that we have today. With all of us being able to get whatever song we want, wherever we are and whenever we want it, mass consensus has broken down to the point where we're all individual

islands of musical taste. When was the last time we had a new release that sold by the tens of millions?

So back to my original question: which artist/band will history make synonymous with this decade? I put this question to the masses through Yahoo! Canada Answers over the last week and I received hundreds of responses.

A lot of people made a good argument for Coldplay (sold around 30 million records and Chris Martin is a photogenic frontman with a Hollywood wife). Others suggestions included the White Stripes and Nickelback. What do you think? Drop me a line.

The Ongoing History of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read the daily Music Geek blog at ongoinghistory.com

Metro recommends

• **THE FIREMAN, ELECTRIC ARGUMENTS:** Paul McCartney meshes psychedelic and whimsical pop magic for an expansive new sound.

• **KANYE WEST, 808S & HEARTBREAK:** Busted-computer beats help Kanye sort through heartache and find new hip-hop ground.

• **GUNS N' ROSES, CHINESE DEMOCRACY:** With trademark GnR boldness and new styles, Axl creates an intricate landscape. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Everest summits

BRIAN TOWIE
Metro Canada

Russell Pollard may have reached the summit of his musical endeavours.

It's one reason why the former member of Sebadoh and Folk Implosion named his latest project Everest, a L.A.-based folk-rock hybrid he put together.

It's a friendship that produced Ghost Notes, Everest's debut that delves into bright pop in its first half and melancholy prog-rock in the second. Produced by Mike Terry (Foo Fighters), Ghost Notes has an early 1970s feel, recorded on analog tape in the late Elliot Smith's New Monkey studio — a work that Pollard says was a refreshing reboot for all concerned.

"We're all close friends and we got really frustrated with what we were doing," said the drummer turned singer-songwriter.

"We didn't want something similar to what we had done in the past. We



Los Angeles-based Everest looks to Neil Young for guidance.

wanted something with no rules and no pretension, and it just evolved from there."

The band made a long climb in a short time: In November of 2007 Elliot Roberts, Neil Young's manager, warmed to Everest demos and invited the band to record under Young's Vapor Records label.

"He's our shaman," Pollard says of Young.

"He does what he wants to do; he doesn't compromise and he doesn't let what he does get messed with for the sake of money. We view that as the dream. It's a very organic thing."

Pollard plans on climbing more musical mountains in

the future.

"We can't stop. We'll just get depressed, and I plan on taking this thing as far as I want to go," he said.



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Serial killer to drop by Grey's Anatomy
Grey's Anatomy will have a new patient this winter — and he won't be an easy one to treat. Eric Stoltz will be rolled in to Seattle Grace's halls as a serial killer in need of serious medical attention. [TVGUIDE.COM](#)

Television

Mix of Six

HOT & HAPPENING WEEKEND EVENTS AROUND THE CITY

Jingle On Indoor Santa Claus Parade
Dec. 7, 10 a.m.
Commerce Place and City Centre Mall

Santa Claus is coming to town for his 21st annual Jingle On Indoor Santa Claus Parade. There will be mascots, floats and bands inside the mall marching through a one-kilometre stretch.

Metallica concert
Dec. 7, 7 p.m.
Rexall Place

Medal fans will be off to never, never land Sunday night as rock legends Metallica play in a sold-out show. The group has won seven Grammys and has had five consecutive albums debut at No. 1 on the Billboard 200, the only band ever to do so.

Butterdome Winter Craft Sale
Until Dec. 7, hours vary
University of Alberta

The Butterdome Winter Craft Sale is expected to smash attendance records this year. It continues in the large yellow building at the U of A campus. The show offers 240 exhibitors and attracts close to 30,000 customers each year.

Oh Snap! presents Freq Nasty
Dec. 6, 9 p.m.
Starlite Room

Breakbeat, dub and electronica icon Freq Nasty is heading to E-town this weekend as a special guest to Oh Snap! Advanced tickets are available for \$20 at Soular, Foosh, and Blackbyrd or online at ticketmaster.ca.

Sagittarium 2
Tonight, 9 p.m.
Temple

The stars have aligned for yet another year, as the Techno Hippy Crew present Sagittarium 2, an event for all those born under the sign and for those that just like to party. Admission is \$7 at the door. For more information, visit [technohippycrew.ca](#).

Santa Shuffle Fun Run and Elf Walk
Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-noon
William Hawrelak Park

The annual Santa Shuffle Fun Run and Elf Walk takes off this weekend in every major city in North America, including Edmonton. An entrance fee of \$25 is required, and refreshments and prizes will be given after the race.

FRIDAY

ED	C	B	S	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
12/5/08	2	CFRN	239 318	etalk	Hollywood	Law & Order		Ghost Whisperer (N)		Supernanny		News (N)
	3	KHQ	- 370	News (N)	Be-Millionaire	Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel-Fortune	Holiday Moments: TV & Film		Lipstick Jungle (N)		Dateline NBC
	4	CBXT	- 307	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	Air Farce-Final	Rick Mercer	Doctor Who		CBC News: The National		The Hour
	6	KREM	- 372	News (N)	Hollywood	The Doctors (N)		Ghost Whisperer (N)		NUMB3RS "Robin Hood"		NUMB3RS
	7	CKEM	241 347	Law & Order: SVU		Holiday Moments: TV & Film		Crusoe		Lipstick Jungle (N)		Your City
	8	CITV	240 339	ET Canada	Entertainment	Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas ** (2000)		NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N)		NUMB3RS (HDTV) (N)		News Hour
	12	CBXFT	119 705	A communiquer		Paquet voleur (HDTV) (SC)		Une heure sur Terre (SC)		Le Téléjournal (N) (SC)		T.J. Alberta
	13	KXLY	- 371	4 News at 6	4 News at 6:30	Entertainment	The Insider (N)	Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas ** (2000)				20/20
	16	KAYU	- 373	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		Don't Forget the Lyrics!		News (N)
	19	CHTV	-	The Insider (N)	E News	Deal-No Deal	Deal-No Deal	Smarter Than a 5th Grader?		20/20 (HDTV)		News (N)
	22	KSPS	- 374	NewsHour With Jim Lehrer		Wash. Week	McLaughlin	Bill Moyers Journal (N)		Great Performances (N)		
news	15	CBCN	502	CBC News: The National		CBC News: The fifth estate		CBC News: The National		CBC News: The National		fifth estate
	54	CTVN	501 391	CTV Newsnet		News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
sports	20	TSN	400 400	NBA Basketball: Trail Blazers at Celtics		NBA Basketball	Toronto Raptors at Utah Jazz. (HDTV)			SportsCentre		
	23	net	408 418	NHL Hockey: Flames at Blues		NHL Hockey	Edmonton Oilers at Los Angeles Kings. (HDTV) (Live)			Sportsnet Con.		
family	47	SPEED	417 406	101 Cars-Drive	101 Cars-Drive	101 Cars-Drive	101 Cars-Drive	Knuckles	Pass Time	101 Cars-Drive	101 Cars-Drive	101 Cars-Drive
	94	SCORE	410 403	(6) WWE SmackDown!		Score Tonight		Hardcore Hockey Talk		WWE SmackDown!		
cable variety	14	YTV	552 543	The Mighty B!	iCarly	Call Me Claus ** (2001, Comedy)	Whoopi Goldberg.			Smallville "Persona"		Dark Oracle
	17	TREE	553 546	A Fairy Tale Christmas		Comfy Couch	Rolie Polie Olie	Beren. Bears	Dragon	Backyardigans	Dora-Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!
	45	FAM	557 541	Zoey 101	Latest Buzz	Wizards-Place	Christmas Carol: The Movie (2001, Fantasy)			Camp Rock (2008, Musical Comedy)		
	25	A&E	615 520	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Ambush"		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	29	FOOD	603 561	Chef Abroad	The Wild Chef	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Challenge		Chef Abroad
	32	DISC	520 505	Man vs. Wild "Namibia"		Earthshocks		Daily Planet		Man vs. Wild "Namibia"		Greensburg
	38	SPIKE	628 584	The Ultimate Fighter				I Bet You Will		MANswers	MANswers	GameTrailers
	43	SPACE	627 528	The Adventures of Lucky Pierre * (1961)		(8:20) Nature's Playmates		(9:20) Scum of the Earth (1963, Drama)				For Singles
	50	STAR	621 56	At the Movies	Star-at Movies	The Tonight Show-Jay Leno		TMZ	etalk	Celebrity Rehab With Dr. Drew		Hollywood

SATURDAY

ED	C	B	S	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
12/6/08	2	CFRN	239 318	W-FIVE-Pharma Sutra		Law & Order: SVU		To Be Announced		Law & Order (HDTV)		News (N)
	3	KHQ	- 370	News (N)	Raymond	CSI: NY (HDTV)		Crusoe (HDTV) (N)		Law & Order (HDTV)		Law/Ord SVU
	4	CBXT	- 307	NHL Hockey		NHL Hockey	Edmonton Oilers at San Jose Sharks. (HDTV) (Live)			HNHC -- After Hours		
	6	KREM	- 372	News (N)	Scrubs	Billy Graham Special		The Unit "Five Brothers"		Cold Case (HDTV)		48 Hr. Mystery
	7	CKEM	241 347	Survivorman (DVS)		Crusoe		Heaven's Fury (2003, Action)	Joanna Pacula, Noel Fisher.			The City Show
	8	CITV	240 339	Ultimate Engineering		Tank Overhaul		Painkiller Jane		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	News (N)
	12	CBXFT	119 705	Le Moment de vérité (SC)		3600 secondes d'extase (SC)		Dre Grey, leçons d'anatomie		Le Téléjournal	Boxe (SC)	
	13	KXLY	- 371	(6) College Football Big 12 Championship -- Missouri vs. Oklahoma.				The Insider (N)		Entertainment Tonight		Storm Stories
	16	KAYU	- 373	Boston Legal		House "Honeymoon"		Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		News (N)
	19	CHTV	-	E News	The Soup	Behind-Scenes	Behind-Scenes	Reese Witherspoon: Golden		Celebrity Cash Couples		E News
	22	KSPS	- 374	The Lawrence Welk Show		Celtic Woman: The Greatest Journey -- Holiday Special		Sat. Report	Weekend	Pink Floyd Dark Side of the Moon Live: Pulse		
news	15	CBCN	502	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Doc Zone: Dubai		Sat. Report	Weekend	Sat. Report	Mansbridge	Doc Zone
	54	CTVN	501 391	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie		News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
sports	20	TSN	400 400	World Extreme Cagefighting		SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		Planet Speed		2007 Poker Million		
	23	net	408 418	English Premier League Soccer Teams TBA.				The Ultimate Fighter		Saturday Night Poker		Sportsnet Con.
family	47	SPEED	417 406	Hot Rod TV	Hot Rod TV	Hot Rod TV	Hot Rod TV	Hot Rod TV	Hot Rod TV	Hot Rod TV	Hot Rod TV	Hot Rod TV
	94	SCORE	410 403	Score on NFL	Footy Show	24/7		BodogFight		Strikeforce		Final Score
	14	YTV	552 543	Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town		I Want a Dog-Charlie Brown		Naruto	Blue Dragon	Zatch Bell (N)	Bleach	Storm Hawks
	17	TREE	553 546	Beren. Bears	Toopy & Binoo	Comfy Couch	Little Bear	Toy Castle	Dragon (DVS)	Backyardigans	Dora-Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!
	45	FAM	557 541	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	The Man Who Saved Christmas (2002)		
	25	A&E	615 520	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		The Sopranos (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Rampage"		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami
	29	FOOD	603 561	Top Chef		Kitchen Nightmares		The F Word		Challenge		Top Chef
	32	DISC	520 505	Canada's Worst Driver		Criss Angel	Criss Angel	A Haunting A family secret.		Canada's Worst Driver		Criss Angel
	38	SPIKE	628 584	Jackass Race.		Jackass		When Stunts Go Bad		When Stunts Go Bad 2!		Prisoners-Ctrl
	43	SPACE	627 528	Supernatural		Sarah Connor Chronicles		Planet of the Apes ** (2001, Science Fiction)	Mark Wahlberg.			
	50	STAR	621 56	Paris Hilton's My New BFF		Britain's Next Top Model		Fabulous Life	Old Skool	TMZ (N)		Scream

SUNDAY

ID	C	B	S	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
12/7/08	2	CFRN	239 318	So You Think You Can Dance Canada (N)				The Amazing Race 13		Desperate Housewives		News (N)
	3	KHQ	- 370	(6:15) NFL Football Washington Redskins at Baltimore Ravens.					Best Sports	Law & Order: SVU		CSI: NY
	4	CBXT	- 307	Heartland (N) (DVS)		Elf *** (2003, Comedy)	Will Ferrell, James Caan.			CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		fifth estate
	6	KREM	- 372	News (N)		60 Minutes		The Amazing Race 13		Front of the Class (2008, Docudrama)		
	7	CKEM	241 347	Murdoch	2Half Men	King	King	King	King	Stylista		Reviews
	8	CITV	240 339	16:9 Picture	King of the Hill	Brothers & Sisters (N)		The Simpsons	King of the Hill	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
	12	CBXFT	119 705	Découverte	Et Dieu créa	Tout le monde en parle (HDTV) (SC)				Le Téléjournal	(10:45) Les Acoustiques	
	13	KXLY	- 371	News	Explorer TV	Ty Pennington: Behind Scenes	Extreme Makeover: Home			Desperate Housewives		Brothers
	16	KAYU	- 373	House "Acceptance"		King of the Hill	King of the Hill	King of the Hill	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	News (N)
	19	CHTV	-	Uncovered: Miss USA		Ty Pennington: Behind Scenes	Extreme Makeover: Home			Cybill Shepherd: THS		FANatical
	22	KSPS	- 374	Victor Borge	Ozzie-Harriet	Great Performances "Hitman: David Foster and Friends"				John Denver: A Song's Best Friend		
news	15	CBCN	502	CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Wide Awake *** (2006, Documentary)		Our World		CBC News: Sunday Night		Wide Awake
	54	CTVN	501 391	CTV Newsnet-Scott Laurie		News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News	CTV Newsnet	News
sports	20	TSN	400 400	(6:15) NFL Football Washington Redskins at Baltimore Ravens.						SportsCentre		Billiards
	23	net	408 418	NHL Hockey		Sportsnet Con.	World Combat	Skiing: Alpine		Sportsnet Connected		Poker
family	47	SPEED	417 406	Pinks Outtakes	Pinks Outtakes	Pinks Outtakes	Pinks Outtakes	Pinks Outtakes	Pinks Outtakes	Pinks Outtakes	Pinks Outtakes	Pinks Outtakes
	94	SCORE	410 403	Strikeforce		World Cup of Poker		Poker Million Pound Challenge.		Final Score	Final Score	Final Score
	14	YTV	552 543	Blizzard ** (2003, Fantasy)	Brenda Blethyn.			SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	The Next Star		Falcon Beach
	17	TREE	553 546	Rolie Polie Olie	Mighty Mach	Bucket-Dinos	Toy Castle	Tipi Tales	Dragon (DVS)	Backyardigans	Dora-Explorer	Go, Diego, Go!
	45	FAM	557 541	Natural-Sadie	Flight 29 Down	That's-Raven	Zoey 101	Life Derek	Han. Montana	Air Bud: Golden Receiver * (1998)		
	25	A&E	615 520	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami "Bloodline"		CSI: Miami "Prey"		CSI: Miami
	29	FOOD	603 561	Iron Chef America		Jamie's Kitchen Australia		Chef School	At the Table	Challenge		Iron Chef Am.
	32	DISC	520 505	(6) Impact Earth (N)		MythBusters		Anthony Bourdain		Impact Earth		
	38	SPIKE	628 584	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scn
	43	SPACE	627 528	Battlestar Galactica		Torchwood "Reset"		(9:05) Ghost Ship * (2002, Horror)	Julianne Margulies.			Soul Survivors
	50	STAR	621 56	Look-A-Like	Star-at Movies	Girl Next Door	In Fashion	Scoring With the Stars		The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		Girl Next Door

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Baywatch baby

Former Baywatch star Gena Lee Nolin and her husband, NHL hockey player Cale Hulse, have welcomed a girl, Stella Monroe Hulse. She was born Wednesday in Scottsdale, Ariz. **PEOPLE.COM**

**Celebrity Buzz****Getty regrets actions over Miller**

RELATIONSHIPS Actor Balt-hazar Getty regrets not standing up for girlfriend Sienna Miller and his wife Rosetta when the media took aim at them over his alleged infidelities, imdb.com reports.

Getty feels both women were treated unfairly by the tabloids when news of his romance with Miller first surfaced earlier this year, and now he wishes he had done something to protect the ladies in his life.

"There comes a time when it just gets a little bit too hurtful. It takes two to tango, man. You can't just point your finger at one

person. Historically, women always get the short end of the stick," he tells America's TV Guide magazine.

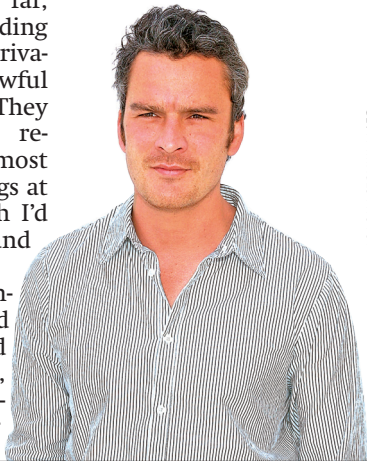
"People went too far, whether it was invading Rosetta and the kids' privacy or saying really awful things about Sienna. They (photographers and reporters) yelled the most awful, disturbing things at her. Sometimes I wish I'd just stepped forward and said, 'Enough!'"

Getty refused to confirm reports he and Miller have reconciled after a brief split, adding, "I can't comment on what's going

on there. I just can't."

He adds that both Miller and his wife are "both special people in my life."

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Dunst back on dating scene?

RELATIONSHIPS Kirsten Dunst is back on the dating scene after breaking up with Justin Long — the actress is reportedly romancing filmmaker Jacob Soboroff, imdb.com reports.

Dunst is working with Soboroff on a documentary about voting, and the two have become more than close friends, according to reports.

"Yes, they're dating," a source tells Life + Style magazine.

The new couple was spotted shopping together at an art store last week.

Dunst previously dated Jake Gyllenhaal and reportedly romanced Orlando Bloom.

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**Simpson loves self-help books**

PEOPLE Jessica Simpson confesses to Marie Claire in its January issue that despite a steady relationship and a new album, she still thinks she could use some self-improvement, People.com reports.

"I am the first person to go to Barnes & Noble and buy the new self-help book," Simpson, 28, says. "I like to fill out the surveys, then I get my friends' opinions on how I answered to see if I was being honest with myself or not."

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**Union doomed: Heidi's mom**

RELATIONSHIPS Heidi Montag's mother has wrecked her daughter's new wedding bliss by predicting her marriage to Spencer Pratt will last just six months, imdb.com reports.

Darlene Egelhoff is fuming after The Hills stars eloped to Mexico to marry in secret on Nov. 24, and she is accusing 25-year-old Pratt of controlling her daughter and forcing her to sideline her own family.

"(When I heard they had married) I was

devastated. I've spent many hours crying and depressed," Egelhoff tells Us magazine. "I've been completely cut out because of Spencer. I didn't get to shop for a dress and be involved. She's too young to get married, and Spencer has cut everyone out of her life ... I want the best for my daughter — and he's definitely not it."

And she delivers a damning verdict on the future of the union: "I'm confident the marriage won't work out. I give it six months."

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**Tyra prefers blind dates to stars**

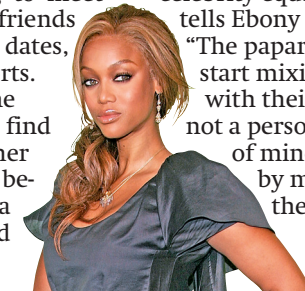
RELATIONSHIPS Supermodel-turned-talk-show host Tyra Banks avoids romance with fellow celebrities, instead choosing to meet potential boyfriends through blind dates, imdb.com reports.

She insists she isn't looking to find love with another famous person because the media attention would be too much to

handle. "I try not to date people who are famous because one celebrity plus another celebrity equals five," she tells Ebony magazine.

"The paparazzi will just start mixing my name with theirs ... But it's not a personal interest of mine, I get set up by my friends. It's the hook up!"

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**Jamie Lynn underwent secret procedure?**

BEAUTY Jamie Lynn Spears has undergone a secret fat-reducing cosmetic procedure, according to tabloid reports.

Both Star magazine and the National Enquirer allege 17-year-old Spears has had her tummy trimmed by soy-based injections that dissolve fat, imdb.com reports.



The Enquirer claims the former star of Zoey 101 underwent the procedure recently, at a clinic in Nevada; but Star claims Spears was actually treated in October 2007, shortly before

she discovered she was pregnant with her daughter Maddie.

"Her mom, Lynne, approved the injections and went through tons of red tape to get the clinic to administer them to an underage patient. She had no idea she was pregnant," a source tells Star.

A representative for Spears has refused to comment on the reports.

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Ripa pans divorce rumours

RELATIONSHIPS TV personality Kelly Ripa has brushed off reports she's splitting from her husband of 12 years, actor Mark Consuelos, imdb.com reports.

Tabloids suggested Ripa walked out on Consue-

los over his alleged involvement with "other women."

But Ripa has hit back at allegations made by The National Enquirer this week.

"The Enquirer runs the story on a regular basis. There is no truth. They make this stuff up," a spokesperson for Ripa tells usmagazine.com.

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**Heche ecstatic about expecting**

BABY Anne Heche and her partner James Tupper are expecting their first child together, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress is said to be extremely excited about the pregnancy.

"They are both thrilled!" Heche's representative reportedly said.

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**No excuse for DUI, Osment says**

REGRET Former child star Haley Joel Osment quit alcohol at the age of 18, after he was punished for driving drunk in Hollywood in 2006, imdb.com reports.

The incident shamed the actor, who had to pay a fine and adhere to probation, as well as a mandatory rehab stint and Alcoholics Anonymous course. Osment vowed to stop drinking completely until he turns 21.

As his 21st birthday approaches, he says his actions were "ex-

tremely irresponsible. There's no excuse for that," he says. "I learned my lesson. I made a bad decision, and it's something you can't run from."

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Michele McDougall, Weather Specialist & Host – Breakfast Television

“My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it’s always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes!”

WEEKDAYS AT 6 AM

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Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Crossword across

- 1 Cried like a crow
- 6 Sweet potato
- 9 Plead
- 12 Open-mouthed
- 13 Microbrewery product
- 14 Ostrich’s kin
- 15 Gondolier, typically
- 16 “Ben-Hur” author
- 18 Race place
- 20 Augments, with “out”
- 21 Long March leader
- 23 Copper head?
- 24 Thing of value
- 25 Heidi’s home
- 27 Some exams
- 29 Grated
- 31 Petunia, for one
- 35 That is (Lat.)
- 37 Church section
- 38 New again
- 41 Congregant’s seat
- 43 Started
- 44 Bocelli solo
- 45 Breakfast option
- 47 Southern Belgian
- 49 Lessen
- 52 Superlative ending
- 53 Disencumber
- 54 Emphasize slyly
- 55 In medias —
- 56 Golfer Ernie
- 57 Fashion

Crossword down

- 1 Upper limit
- 2 Past
- 3 Belts
- 4 Duel tool
- 5 Skin (Suff.)
- 6 Bored one
- 7 Remark re Yorick
- 8 He spoke for Bugs
- 9 Birds’ bills
- 10 Host
- 11 Visitor
- 17 Textbook chapter
- 19 Home
- 21 Scratch
- 22 Miss. neighbor
- 24 The whole shooting match
- 26 Helix
- 28 Following
- 30 Tokyo, once
- 32 Midsize kangaroo
- 33 Prior night
- 34 Wine option
- 36 Pays out
- 38 Less refined
- 39 Obliterate
- 40 Isn’t perpendicular
- 42 Sports
- 45 Spring wind?
- 46 Touch
- 48 Tramcar contents
- 50 Up to, in verse
- 51 Compass pt.

PREVIOUS DAY’S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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5	8	3	6	1	4	2	9	7
7	1	4	3	9	2	5	6	8
6	3	7	5	2	9	4	8	1
1	5	8	4	7	6	9	3	2
2	4	9	1	8	3	6	7	5

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:
Under 13 minGenius
13-17 min.....Scholar
17-21 minSmart
21-25 minNot bad
25+ min.....Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Pork Tenderloin with Honey-Mustard Sauce

INGREDIENTS:

1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh rosemary or 1 tsp (5 mL) dried

2 garlic cloves, minced

1 tsp (5 mL) grated lemon zest

1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt

1 pork tenderloin (about 1 lb/500 g), trimmed

1/3 cup (75 mL) fresh lemon juice

1/4 cup (50 mL) honey

3 tbsp (45 mL) coarse Dijon mustard

1/2 cup (125 mL) 10% cream

1 tbsp (15 mL) all-purpose flour

2. Brush pork with 2 tbsp (25 mL) honey-mustard sauce. Roast pork until glazed and golden brown or until instant-read thermometer reads 160°F (71°C), about 25 minutes, basting 2 or 3 times with remaining sauce.

3. Meanwhile, put cream in small bowl and whisk in flour until smooth. Warm reserved honey-mustard sauce in small saucepan over low heat. Gradually whisk in cream mixture and cook, whisking constantly, until sauce thickens, about 3 minutes. Serve with pork.

METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Line small roasting pan with foil. Combine rosemary, garlic, lemon zest and salt in small bowl and rub evenly over pork tenderloin; transfer pork to pan. Mix lemon juice, honey and mustard in small bowl. Transfer half to small saucepan and set aside.

SERVES 4

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Don't run away from an intense situation if in doubt. An adversary wants to learn your tricks. Incompetence raises some second thoughts.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Something marvelous will happen. A magical awakening takes place. Something you say convinces a friend to stay behind.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Desperate measures are taken by new people. Search for thrills with a reckless buddy. Friends will gather behind the scenes.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

It's too late to think the best of a buddy. A moving tribute is made to a generous act. Check out a proposed business venture.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

There are too many options to choose from. Adventures are caused by trying to get somewhere. An obsession with something could get sticky.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Monitor all conversations with a bureaucrat. A mystifying friend gives a heart-felt speech. Something begins to make sense.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Pay attention to the direction of a vehicle. Someone isn't sure of the consequences. Be silent when an old argument resurfaces.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

There'll be a case of mistaken identity. You need to get something off your chest. You'll be told of unfamiliar circumstances.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

Someone will be a poor loser. You'll want to quit an unhappy situation. A little guy will back off.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

You have to set a good example. Easy friendship comes from setting boundaries. Pay attention to loved ones.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Regret over a mischievous encounter dissipates. Someone changes the rules. Pay attention to an over-reaction.

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20

Being anxious is a waste of your time. Letting go of inhibition warms somebody's heart. Make a helpful suggestion to a young guy.

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